

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

VALERIE NORMAND,

Plaintiff,

V.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of  
Social Security

Defendant.

Case No. C09-5508KLS

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of  
Social Security

This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's filing of an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and a complaint to review and set aside a decision of the Social Security Administration under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). To file a complaint and initiate legal proceedings plaintiff must pay a filing fee of \$350.00 or file a proper application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

By requesting the Court to proceed *in forma pauperis*, plaintiff is asking the government to incur the filing fee because she is unable to afford the costs necessary to proceed with her cause of action. In her application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, plaintiff indicates that she has received “[d]isability or workers compensation payments” during the past twelve months. (Dkt. #1, p. 1). There is no indication in the application, however, as to whether those payments were disability or workers compensation, or in what amounts or how frequently they were made. The Court requires that information, though, in order to properly determine whether plaintiff is entitled to *in forma pauperis* status.

## ORDER - 1

1 Accordingly, the Court hereby finds and ORDERS as follows:

2 (1) Plaintiff shall seek to cure this deficiency by filing no later than **October 8, 2009**, a  
3 response providing the needed financial information discussed above.

4 **Failure to cure this deficiency by the above date shall be deemed a failure to**  
5 **properly prosecute this matter and the Court will recommend dismissal of this**  
6 **matter.**

7 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to counsel for plaintiff.

8 DATED this 8th day of September, 2009.

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